

First of all, thank you for your time. I am corresponding today to address public communications that try to advocate the election or defeat of a particular federal candidate, which are illegal in-kind campaign contributions! Please help! Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I would also not like to see slanted anti-Bush documentaries like Fahrenheit 9/11 shown as I believe it is a desperate move in the final weeks of an election to sway voters with propoganda. Like the Federal Election Commission states this should not happen! Please help to protect our rights!

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you again.